

## **SIM Workgroup and Partner Agency Reports May 10, 2016**

SIM staff provide this monthly report from our workgroups and partner agencies, where there is new information to share.

### **Integrated Population Health Plan**

The third public meeting of the Integrated Population Health Plan Workgroup was held on April 6, 2016. Feedback on the most recent draft of the Plan was provided during the meeting, with written comments submitted after the meeting by a number of individuals. On April 14, 2016, a summary of the Population Health Plan draft was presented during the SIM Steering Committee meeting. As in previous discussions, there was recognition that, as a key anchor for the SIM project, Rhode Island's Integrated Population Health Plan can be an important vehicle for community planning, with emphasis on the integration of physical and behavioral health care.

Finally, SIM submitted Version 1 of the Integrated Population Health plan to CMS on April 28<sup>th</sup>, and is awaiting comments. The final version

### **Workgroup on Technology Reporting**

The workgroup is on hold while state staff write the RFP for the vendor to create the healthcare quality measurement reporting and feedback system. The RFP is expected to be issued within the next two months. Once the project is in motion, the workgroup will be reconvened as a governance committee to help with instrumental decisions about the system.

### **Measure Alignment Workgroup**

This group, having completed the first phase of its work on aligned measures for ACO, Hospital, and Primary Care, will shortly reconvene to begin work on Specialty measures.

### **Update on SIM funded HIT projects: HealthFacts RI (APCD) and Provider Directory**

- **HealthFacts RI Update (APCD)**

HealthFacts RI was launched on February 10, and has already released two public reports: one on Potentially Preventable ER Visits and one on Chronic Disease. These reports and accompanying data tables are all accessible on the HealthFacts RI data release [webpage](#) on the Department of Health website. The HealthFactsRI team is working on its next public report focused on Potentially Preventable Readmissions, for publication this month.

The Data Release Review Board has met several times and reviewed the structure of the data extracts to be released. We anticipate that the state will be ready to receive data requests over the summer.

Additionally we are working with all of the payers that submit data to the APCD to assure continued data submission in light of a recent Supreme Court decision that ruled that in Vermont, self-funded, ERISA-covered plans were not required to submit claims data under the Vermont APCD law. The state, having reviewed the Supreme Court decision, has shared its legal opinion which indicates that the decision does not apply to the Rhode Island APCD because the Rhode Island statute enacting APCD is fundamentally different from the Vermont statute. State officials will continue to work with the TPAs and begin to reach out to the self-insured employers to encourage continued APCD participation.

- **Provider Directory Update**

The Provider Directory is in internal production within the Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI), and is on track to be able to produce data extracts of mastered provider data starting July 2016. The Provider Directory Advisory Committee (PDAC) is being restructured as a more formal committee of RIQI to reflect the need for additional stakeholder input about governance issues pertaining to the data, such as what data may be shared with whom. The PDAC will consist of provider and payer representatives in addition to state and RIQI staff. RIQI staff are reaching out to payers to seek approval to include the payer data regarding provider network information in the Provider Directory. They are designing a tool to allow both the public and providers to look up and access appropriate provider data and their relationships to organizations and it will be implemented early in 2017.

#### **BHDDH**

Rhode Island is competing to become one of eight states who will be asked to participate in a two-year Federal program. Last year, a total of 24 states, including Rhode Island, received planning grants for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration Program. This program would improve and expand public sector mental health and substance use treatment services for persons of all ages across the state. Over the next few months BHDDH will work with the six current Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) in Rhode Island to help them meet certification requirements in areas of staffing, accessibility, care coordination, service scope, quality/reporting and organizational governance. BHDDH will submit an application to the Federal government by October 31, 2016, which if awarded, will bring to Rhode Island substantial resources for behavioral health services.

#### **RIDOH**

- The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) continues internal development of the Department's Population goal-based Strategic Plan. Included in this development is the identification of core metrics and key action plan initiatives. Alignment between both metrics and initiatives, especially related to obesity, diabetes, and tobacco, with the Integrated Population Health Plan continues as SIM prepares for the June 30th submission. Additional coordination with the SIM vendors is ongoing. RIDOH has shared additional background/foundational documents such as the 2014 Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan with the Integrated Population Health Plan vendors. Draft text was reviewed and vetted prior to submission of the 04/30 document. Iterative review of the draft Integrated Population Health Plan and development of new information with the vendors is ongoing.
- RIDOH convenes the Internal RIDOH SIM Workgroup on a monthly basis to communicate project updates, the status of alignment, and areas in which additional efficiencies might be achieved. As internal program stakeholders become engaged in SIM, the workgroup expands. Topics have included community health teams and population health planning/metrics alignment. New topics such as workforce development and regulatory levers for SIM were introduced for further follow up.
- RIDOH continues to work on Community Health Worker certification as part of Departmental activities. Alignment with SIM community health team proposals continues to ensure inclusion of community health workers and community-based licensed health professional designations

as part of team composition. RIDOH will continue engagement on this SIM initiative and assist in procurement, as applicable.

- Meetings with internal stakeholders on the topic of workforce development have begun. Meetings with the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health as well as the Oral Health Program have occurred to gather additional information for the SIM Operational Plan in this area. Meeting with the RIDOH Academic Center is being scheduled for May.
- RIDOH has begun identifying possible regulatory levers that do not yet exist, or if existing, could be leveraged to provide additional momentum for SIM efforts related to practice transformation, population health improvements, and/or addressing social/environmental determinants of health. Key staff are engaged in generating a list of ideas for vetting with the Internal RIDOH SIM Workgroup.
- RIDOH assisted in creating a SIM Plan Development and Style Guide for the project, including document templates for various elements of the plan. This guide will be revised, as needed. Review, editing, and formatting of the Draft Operational Plan was conducted prior to submission and will continue through the June 30th deadline.